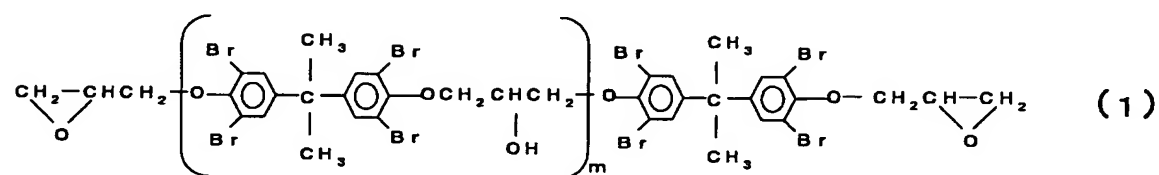## Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and <u>underlining</u> for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Original) A flame retardant polyester fiber for artificial hair, formed from 100 parts by weight of (A) a polyester made of one or more of polyalkylene terephthalate or a copolymer polyester comprising polyalkylene terephthalate as a main component, 5 to 30 parts by weight of (B) a brominated epoxy based flame retardant and 0.05 to 1 parts by weight of (C) a reaction accelerator.

2. (Original) The flame retardant polyester fiber for artificial hair according to claim 1, wherein the component (A) is at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene terephthalate and polybutylene terephthalate.

3. (Currently Amended) The flame retardant polyester fiber for artificial hair according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~<u>claim 1</u>, wherein the component (B) is a flame retardant represented by the following general formula (1),

wherein m represents 0 to 100.

4. (Currently Amended) The flame retardant polyester fiber for artificial hair according to any of ~~claims 1 to 3~~<u>claim 1</u>, wherein the component (C) is metal salt of organic carboxylic acid having 6 to 32 carbon atoms and/or a phosphite based compound.

5. (Currently Amended) The flame retardant polyester fiber for artificial hair according to any of ~~claims 1 to 4~~<u>claim 1</u>, wherein the flame retardant polyester fiber is formed by air-cooling melt spinning process.

6.   (Currently Amended)   The flame retardant polyester fiber according to any of ~~claims 1 to 5~~<u>claim 1</u>, which has a monofilament size of 10 to 80 dtex.